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TO THE RESCUE!



YOU FIGHT TOO WHEN YOU BUY A U.S. LIBERTY LOAN BOND

THE BIG DRIVE FOR LOAN IS ON

Francis King is Chairman of the Gratiot Committee Which is Seeking Subscriptions.

DRIVE TO LAST THIRTY DAYS

Quota of Gratiot County is \$180,000 for the Second Liberty Loan Bond.

The drive has started in Gratiot county for the second Liberty Loan and it will take the united effort of the entire county, if Gratiot is to raise the \$180,000.00, which is her quota for this loan, which is to follow in the footsteps of the first to go towards the war expenses, which will make the world safe for democracy.

Frank C. Gee and W. L. Brastie of the Federal Reserve bank of Chicago were in Alma a few days ago laying plans for the campaign in this county. They prevailed upon Francis King to take the chairmanship of the county for the big drive, and he will direct the work of raising this amount in Gratiot for the second Liberty Loan.

Very soon after taking charge of the work as chairman, Mr. King appointed chairman for the various cities and townships of the county, who will work with him in the work. The various township chairmen follow:

Seville, Marley Slinguff, Elwell; Pine River, Thomas J. Clark, Alma; Bethany, Fred Barnard, St. Louis; Wheeler, Alfred Crawford, Breckenridge; Sumner, Bert Gee; Arcadia, Fred Bradford; Emerson, Ernest Mus-

LOST TO OFFICERS AT CAMP CUSTER

College Football Team Made a Great Showing Against Wonderful Eleven.

Playing against one of the best collections of football stars in the country, when they stacked up against the officers of the 8th division of the National army at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Saturday, the Alma college football team rose to the occasion and gave the officers a great battle, filled with thrills, and held them to a 7 to 0 score.

When the green Alma team walked out onto the field and looked over the beefy giants that they were to play against, their knees shook in under them, and were still shaking when the game started, and resultantly the officers quickly shoved over a touchdown. Wyman of the Army went 80 yards for the counter, almost immediately after the kickoff to Alma.

After this score, the Almatites awoke to the fact that the officers were only human beings and not a race of supernatural beings and went after them in great style. The all-American talent on the army eleven availed the officers nothing thereafter, and the months of hard training, which they had undergone in getting their commissions, did not prove the great asset that they had expected, and Alma played them to a standstill. Fine line plunging against the two hundred pound army line, by the freshman fullback, Mills, was perhaps the best feature of the game. Time and again Mills ripped through the army line for good gains. Good punting by Narrence, also featured the Alma play the entire game.

Several times the officers carried the ball well into Alma territory, but could not muster the strength to put the Alma line, once that the goal was in danger. A couple of times forward passes were started that seemed good for touchdowns, but Mills of Alma got his six feet some inches in the road and pulled them down, killing the army chances.

LYCEUM COURSE DATES ANNOUNCED

Seven Good Attractions on Lyceum Course for Alma This Fall and Winter.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE

First Number Comes in October and the Final Number Will Come in March.

The chautauqua-lyceum course committee has arranged a splendid fall and winter lyceum course for Alma this year, and it is believed by those in charge, that the course this year will eclipse anything of the kind ever given in Alma in the past.

Every effort was made by the committee to secure the best possible attractions in order that the lovers of these high grade attractions may have something new, and out of the ordinary this season.

Seven attractions comprise the lyceum course this year, ranging from high class musical numbers to lectures by an Indian chief and a famous Japanese orator.

Tickets for the course this year are now on sale and may be secured from either of the Alma banks or any one of the three Alma drug stores. Those desiring tickets should arrange for them early, as the class of the lyceum course this year is such that the tickets are certain to sell rapidly.

The first number of the course will be the Lyndon-Gordon company, which will be given the last week in October, the date being October 25th. This number is a musical attraction far out of the ordinary and is certain to please everyone, if press notices can be taken with any serious consideration. The young ladies specializing in southern songs.

The second attraction, the Metropolitan Grand Quartet will come to Alma November 8th. This is the fifth season that the Affiliated Lyceum bureau have offered this attraction, a sure indication of its worth and popularity. This will be the first time, however, that the Metropolitan Grand Quartet has been on the local lyceum course. The four men of this company have great voices and their several years of experience together has placed them far above par as a quartet.

November 22nd, the Indian Chief Caupolican, known as the greatest of Indian orators will be the lyceum course attraction. His recital of stories that have been handed down through the generations, gives a fine glimpse of the life and the triumphs of the proud Indians, who valued life so lightly and liberty and honor so highly. He has a fine baritone voice, which has been trained by the best instructors in this country and in Europe, and he will also entertain his audience, with songs of the Indians, with which few people of today are acquainted. He also sings selections from the best known English, French and German composers.

December 17th will see Senator Keesinger as the attraction on the course here. He is known as the youngest state senator and hails from Illinois, where he has been making a wonderful record, from a new-boy to state senator, a record of which any boy could be rightly proud. He has always made a study of industrial conditions and has had the cities of Elgin and Aurora in which to study at first hand, and it is upon the subjects that make for better civic conditions as he has discovered them. His work in climbing through life from newsboy, printer's devil, to editor, lecturer, state representative and state senator, indicates forcibly the kind of a man that Senator Keesinger is. It would be a mistake to miss his message.

Yutaka Minakuchi, noted Japanese orator and lecturer, will appear here January 8th. His lecture, "The Border Land" is one that is certain to please both young and old and furnish plenty of room for thought on the part of everyone.

The Zedler Symphony Sextett is the attraction for January 28th. The Zedler Symphony Sextett is a carefully planned organization of superior musicians. It brings forth a new idea, that of the interpretation of the music of the masters for the masses. The symphonic effects obtained by this company in their concerts is enhanced greatly by an especially made record organ of unique construction.

The final attraction of the season will be the lecture of Col. George W. Bain of Kentucky, who is known as the dean of American's active orators. He is known as a repeater, because of the fact that he has been called back to cities where he has lectured so many times. He has several most interesting lectures, which are highly appealing.

OPENS STORE TODAY

Frank J. Tucker opened his new store at the corner of Wright avenue and Elwell street today, with a one day sale, as an inducement to the public to call at this store. He will handle a complete stock of groceries and vegetables at all times.

Advertise in the Record.

GOOD BUILDING

Three Story Building for New Wholesale Grocery.

The plans for the new wholesale grocery to be erected in this city by Symon Brothers & Company of Saginaw and Lansing, are now completed and the specifications for the building will be in the hands of contractors for bids before the week is over, according to reliable information. The building which the wholesale grocery intends to erect here will be a model one. The structure will have a full basement and will be three stories in height. Provisions are made in the plans to allow for enlarging the building at any time conditions may necessitate such a move on the part of the owners.

The building will be built this fall, and not next year, as many have seemed to think, and the company is hoping that it may be able to start operations in the new structure by December 1st.

The contract for moving the barn on the lot on Wright avenue has been let to E. S. Stockwell of this city and it will be moved at once so that building operations may start.

Local contractors are to figure on the contract for the structure, but up to noon today the specifications on the building were not obtainable from them. They will be given next week.

GETS COMMISSION

Frank Miller of Republic Will be Second Lieutenant.

Frank Miller, who has been in the employ of the Republic Motor Truck Company, Incorporated, for the past few years, will have a commission as second lieutenant in the quartermaster's corps, it is said.

It is expected that the commission will be announced within the next few days.

Miller has just returned from Washington, D. C., where he went to make application for the commission in the army. Miller is among those who were drafted and will be called the latter part of the month.

Orcille Allen, recently caught in the draft, is in Washington seeking a commission and it is reported that he will also get a commission in the quartermaster's corps.

PAVING CONTRACT LET BY COUNCIL

Local Firm Gets Most of Work to be Done by City Yet This Fall.

WILL PAVE ABOUT TEN BLOCKS

Paving to be Done on East and W. Superior, Michigan and Bridge Avenues.

Saturday evening the common council of the city of Alma let the contracts for paving approximately nine and one-half blocks of the streets of this city, and it is the intention to get the paving done this fall if possible.

The paving for which the contracts have been let is to be laid on West Superior street, East Superior street, Michigan avenue and Bridge avenue. The jobs are divided between two concerns.

Bartling & Holmes of Alma went after both contracts hot and heavy, and the Alma concern succeeded in landing the biggest of the two, having a slightly lower bid for this job. On the paving in the west end of the city, the bid of this company was slightly higher than the bid of W. N. Sager of Saginaw, who was given this work. Reports are that the bid of the Alma concern for the work in the east end of the city, which comprises about seven blocks, was about three quarters of a hundred dollars smaller than the bid of W. N. Sager.

The bid which Bartling & Holmes succeeded in getting calls for the paving of Michigan avenue from Bridge to Republic avenues, a distance of about three blocks; the paving of Bridge avenue from Michigan avenue to East Superior street, and the paving of East Superior street from Bridge avenue to Republic avenue, a distance of about three blocks. It is the intention of the Alma company to start work immediately and to rush it to completion. The work on Michigan avenue will be done first, it is expected.

The success of the Alma company in getting the lion's share of this work again indicates that such contracting companies can be successful even in the smaller communities of the country, and it speaks highly for the business ability of the men who compose this local concern. Time and again Bartling & Holmes have won contracts here from outside concerns through their ability to underbid.

W. N. Sager, who secured the contract for the paving in the western part of the city, will pave West Superior street from the P. M. railroad tracks, west to Cedar avenue, this being a point just to the east of Wright hall on the college hill. This work will be started at once by Mr. Sager and will be completed this fall, if the present weather continues favorable.

ARRESTED ON A SERIOUS CHARGE

William M. Malcom, Alias William McCullum, was a Much Married Man.

HAD THREE WIVES IS REPORT

Married Local Girl in May and Has Lived in Alma Since That Time.

Because he loved the women so, William M. Malcom, alias William McCullum, was arrested Friday, for having married a few too many of them, it being said that he has three women, whom he calls by the fond title of wife, one here, one in Grand Rapids and a third in Racine, Wisconsin.

This much married man was taken into custody by the officers in Alma on complaint of Lottie D. Hall of Grand Rapids, who came here from that city Friday, and charged Malcom, or McCullum, as he was known here, with a serious statutory charge. Very shortly after he was taken into custody he was charged with bigamy on complaint of his wife here in Alma, Sarah M. Belbeck, and the probabilities are that it will be this charge upon which he will be tried.

It seems that Malcom married Lottie D. Hall in Williamston in July 1916, and for some months enjoyed married life with her, but soon he hungered for another and quietly left, leaving this wife behind him. He came to Alma early in the year and on coming here is said to have taken the name of William McCullum. A short time after coming here he was married to Sarah Belbeck, this being May 29, 1917.

He has resided with her since that time and has been employed at the Alma plant of the Michigan Sugar company.

Last Friday, when Lottie D. Hall came to Alma, she went to the offices of the plant with the officers. McCullum was called into the office to meet someone who wanted to see him, and there met the wife of last year.

It is reported that following his arrest he admitted to Prosecuting Attorney Ora L. Smith that he had a wife and three children in Racine, Wisconsin.

McCullum or Malcom, as his name is said to be, is now lodging in the county jail awaiting trial, on one of the two charges which have been placed against him.

GOOD FUTURE

Land Expert Says Alma Will Grow Considerably Yet.

Alma is growing more rapidly and much greater growth in the next few years than it has in the past and with a likelihood of its rivaling the city of Flint is the belief of Mr. L. K. Coffinberry, an allotment specialist, as expressed to a Record reporter this week.

He says "I have bought land and platted it into lots and sold them and have sold for other owners, in all over fifty allotments and practically five thousand lots, for the past ten years in cities in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia, and it has been important that I should get a true line on the different cities in which I have operated. Several years ago I made up my mind that Lansing was certain to experience great growth, both industrially and in point of population. Therefore I have struck pretty closely to Lansing. Lansing grew and is still growing. We all know what the automobile industry has done, and is doing, for the cities of Detroit, Lansing, Flint, Jackson, Pontiac and Alma in Michigan."

"By the same token that made of beautiful but slow growing Detroit of a few years ago the 'Wonder City of the World' today and placed it fourth in point of population in our country; by the same token that has changed Flint from an ordinary small city where wagons were made to its present almost metropolitan proportions; and by the same token that has made a real, wide-awake city of Pontiac, do I believe and predict that Alma will, within the near future, greatly eclipse all its past record of growth and expansion, outrun all ordinary expectations and take its place with the great automobile manufacturing cities of the country, because, after all, the Commercial Truck is far more essential and necessary in the business world and the affairs of mankind than the pleasure car."

"It is doubtful if the Buick car (for instance) was as well and favorably known in its early stages of development and manufacture as Republic Trucks are known today and therefore I do not believe that the expectation that Alma will experience a future growth and expansion far in excess of anything it has known in the past and merely typical of cities fortunate in that they are engaged in the automobile industry,—the one real live wire business of the times,—is any wild dream or exaggeration whatever."

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Appleby of Saginaw were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gerber over the week end.

Send Some Smoking Kits to Our Fighting Sammies in France

Alma Record Arranges With American Tobacco Company To Get Smokers' Kits For Sammies At About Half Price.

Tobacco in abundance, and of the kind that they like and appreciate, will be supplied to the "Sammies" in Europe, if everyone in the country does their part.

In order that the people of Alma may have their chance to contribute in giving the soldiers the nerve soothing smoking tobacco which is so badly needed in the trenches, in the nerve racking warfare, the Alma Record has made arrangements with the American Tobacco company, whereby local people will have a chance to do their part.

For every twenty-five cents which the people of Alma contribute to this cause, through the Alma Record's Soldier's Tobacco fund, the American Tobacco company has agreed to furnish a kit containing cigarettes and tobacco, the retail price of which is forty-five cents. This means that every twenty-five cents which comes to the Record fund will be doing the work of nearly a half dollar.

This liberal offer is made possible through the elimination of all jobbers and retailers profits and by a decision of the government to permit such goods to be exported in bond, remitting the internal revenue duty, and consenting to transport them free of charge to troops and supply ships.

The kits will contain the following: Two packages of Lucky Strike cigarettes retailing at 20 cents. Three bags Bull Durham retailing at 15 cents. One can Tuxedo smoking tobacco, retailing at 10 cents. Seven books of cigarette papers. A stamped post card, addressed to the donor of the kit by which the soldier recipient may acknowledge the gift.

The American soldiers want American tobacco, is a fact brought out in the great solace of tense and jagged nerves, the soothe of bodily pain, the magical weed whose aroma makes weary men forget their weariness, and through whose rings of white smoke the wanderer far from home may vision scenes and loved ones of the past, and be at peace.

Discontented soldiers don't make good fighters, and if there is anything in the world that is likely to give a confirmed smoker a grouch, it is to be the fact that he is denied tobacco. Give it to them. Keep them a happy lot, and they'll fight better for the country.

Checks for the tobacco fund, should be made out to The Alma Record Tobacco fund.

Contributions for the tobacco fund will be received at the following places in Alma for the Record Tobacco fund: Charles Murphy's drug store, Look Patterson drug store, A. W. Brunner's drug store, Wright House, Ellisons Grocery, Davis cigar store, European cafe, Economy shoe store, Luchini candy and cigar store, and McKenzie Brothers' cigar store.

Don't forget to make your donation for this cause. Each week the names of those contributing will be published.

TWO LOTS WERE GIVEN AWAY FREE

Alma Development Company, Limited, Lived up to its Word at Big Lot Sale.

The lot sale of the Alma Development Company, Limited, in its three subdivisions, Kensington Heights, Shadow Lawn and Buena Vista, Saturday and Sunday, was a most gratifying success, when the weather conditions of the two days are taken into consideration.

It may be true that a large crowd of idle spectators did not turn out on these days, but it is equally true that many people interested in good investments were out at the subdivisions, seeking for bargains in the way of home sites.

IS BOUND OVER

W. G. Griffin Bound Over to Circuit Court at Hearing.

The hearing of William G. Griffin, now out on bail on a charge of embezzlement from the Alma Grain & Lumber Company, was held in Itasca Monday, following which the former manager of the company was bound over to circuit court for trial.

Griffin was recently arrested on a charge of embezzlement placed by the company following the discovery of a shortage of just a little less than three hundred dollars. Immediately after his arrest, bail was secured and he was released pending his trial.

A regular meeting of the Alma chapter O. E. S. will be held Friday evening, Oct. 5th, at 7:30 in the Masonic hall.